

REGULAR SESSION RUSH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS NOVEMBER 18, 2013

The Rush County Board of Commissioners met in regular session, Monday, November 18, 2013 with Commissioners, Bruce Levi, Mark Bacon, Ken Masters, Mary Ann Beard, Auditor, and Leigh Morning, County Attorney in attendance.

Commissioner Bruce Levi called the meeting to order. Mark Bacon made the motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of November 4th as presented. . Ken Masters seconded the motion. Motion carried.

EAGLE ACCOUNTS

Commissioner Bruce Levi reported that he had checked with the Clerk regarding a complaint filed by John Saxon on notification by a collection agency contracted by the Clerk. Levi confirmed that notices of errors have been sent by Clerk and refunds have been made.

COURTHOUSE ROOF

Wellman Brothers Roofing represented by Blair Walls presented an inspection report for the southwest corner of the courthouse. The report revealed that the copper flashing is laden with cracks and holes and the louvers on the west side are only four inches wide and they need to be eight inches of either copper or aluminum with a catch pan. Repairs are needed on the south west chimney along with replacement of the flashing. The long range proposal is to divide the roof into four sections and remove the tile to replace all of the flashing at a cost of approximately \$130,000 per section.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Cindy Humphrey presented the monthly report with a comparison to last year's report. There was an increase of \$54,000 in tax collections and a large increase in the collection of sewer, weed and unsafe building liens. There is a decrease in the balance of the checking account for money has been moved to the money market account.

RIDE RUSH

Wanda Henderson representing Ride Rush presented the quarterly report for the Indiana Department of Transportation. Mark Bacon moved to sign the contract and Ken Masters seconded the motion. Henderson reported that Ride Rush has a schedule from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday-Friday with a set donation schedule and a suggested donation fee for those over 60.

TAX SALE CERTIFICATES

The City of Rushville requested the county assign eighteen tax sale certificates from the 2013 tax sale currently assigned to Rush County. Leigh Morning, county attorney explained the parcels are remaining from the last tax sale and the taxes are not paid. The city would be required to fulfill the procedure stated in statute to receive a deed. Ken Masters moved to assign the certificates and Mark Bacon seconded the motion. Motion carried.

RALEIGH EMS

Verlin Custer representing Raleigh EMS asked that the Commissioners consider a 3 to 4 year EMS contract for their department. Custer explained that equipment needs to be purchased and this would provide for long range planning.

APC

Area Plan Director, Kevin Tolloty appeared before the board to request that contracts be signed for his department. Mark Bacon moved to approve the contract of APC attorney Gilda Caviness. Ken Masters seconded the motion. Motion carried. The contract for Coors Consulting as map consultant was signed on a motion by Ken Masters and seconded by Mark Bacon. Motion carried.

ECDC

John Mc Cane presented the board with a copy of the Tax Abatement policy adopted by the County Council. McCane also reported that a contract was awarded for the North Industrial Park and the reclassification of Cherry St. and other county roads has been submitted.

HIGHWAY

Jerry Sitton offered Supplement Number 1 to the INDOT contract for the Carthage Pike to amend the dates set forth in the original contract. Ken Masters moved to sign the agreement. Mark Bacon seconded the motion. Motion carried.

SHERIFF

Sheriff Jeff Sherwood reported 32 inmates. There were twenty eight applicants for the position of deputy sheriff. Fourteen showed for the testing and seven applicants remain. Plans are to have the position filled by January 1st. Fuel prices are still being observed by the Sheriff.

EXTENSION

Purdue Extension contract for 2014 was signed on a motion by Ken Masters and seconded by Mark Bacon. Motion carried.

NORDEX

Auditor Mary Ann Beard proposed that the payment of the professional fees to Barnes and Thornburg and Umbaugh totaling \$29,622.17 be paid from the EDIT funds. The Commissioners would be required to amend the EDIT Capital Plan and an additional appropriation for reporting purposes would need to be completed.

AUDITOR

- Appointments will be conducted on December 2nd and contracts & bids will be awarded on December 16th.
- Purdue's LTAP directory will be updated and returned.
- EMS runs were reviewed from RMH, Raleigh, and Carthage.

Claims were approved on a motion by Ken Masters. Mark Bacon seconded the motion. Motion carried. Payroll for November 22nd was approved on a motion by Mark Bacon and seconded by Ken Masters.

Motion to adjourn was received from Mark Bacon. Ken Masters seconded the motion. Motion carried.

/s/ Bruce Levi
Bruce Levi, Chairman

/s/ Mark Bacon
Mark Bacon

/s/ Ken Masters
Ken Masters

ATTEST:

/s/ Mary Ann Beard
Mary Ann Beard, Auditor